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E.O. 12065: RDS-4 12/22/91 (LEARY, JOHN C.) OR-M

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SUBJECT: POLISH VICE CONSUL SEEKING "POLITICAL ASYLUM" (S)

1. (S-ENTIRE EXT)

2. DR. CARLOS CUR VON ERLEA, MANAGING PARTNER OF WORLDIMEX COMERCIO E INDUSTRIA LTDA., A CHEMICAL TRADING FIRM IN SAO PAULO, PHONED CONSUL GENERAL DECEMBER 21 TO ASK FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS A CONFIDENTIAL MATTER REGARDING AN "EASTERN EUROPEAN GENTLEMAN". VON ERLEA IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A FRIEND OF FORMER CONSUL GENERAL ARNOLD AND A MEMBER OF SAO PAULO ROTARY CLUB. IT WAS AGREED HAT HE WOULD CALL ON CONSUL GENERAL AT 9:00 A.M. ON DECEMBER 22.

3. WHEN VON ERLEA CAME IN ON DECEMBER 22 HE SAID HE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF POLISH VICE CONSUL WOJCIECH JAWORSKI WHO HAS BEEN RECALLED TO POLAND BUT DOES NOT WANT TO RETURN AND IS SEEKING "POLITICAL ASYLUM". VON ERLEA SAID HIS FIRM DOES QUITE A LOT OF BUSINESS WITH POLAND AND BECAUSE OF THIS HE HAD GOTTEN TO KNOW JAWORSKI, WHO IS VICE CONSUL FOR

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COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN SAO PAULO, QUITE WELL, JAWORSKI, HE SAID, IS VERY OPEN AND INTELLIGENT AND "QUITE UNLIKE OTHER POLISH OFFICIALS". FOR SOME MONTHS HE HAS BEEN OPENLY SUPPORTIVE OF SOLIDARITY AND THIS IS PROBABLY WHY HE WAS BEING RECALLED.

4. VON ERLEA SAID JAWORSKI'S RECALL ORDERS CAME SOME TIME AGO (BEFORE PRESENT MILITARY TAKEOVER) BUT JAWORSKI HAS FOUND VARIOUS EXCUSES FOR DELAYING DEPARTURE. MOST IMPORTANT WAS THAT HIS SON (10 OR 11 YEARS OLD) HAD O FINISH HIS SCHOOL TERM. (THE BOY ATTENDS ROTARY-SPONSORED SCHOOL IN SAO PAULO.) TERM IS FINISHED AND PRESSURE IS ON TO JAWORSKI TO COMPLETE DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIMSELF, HIS WIFE, AND HIS SON.

5. CONSUL GENERAL ASKED WHETHER JAWORSKI HAD APPROACHED BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES REGARDING ASYLUM. VON ERLEA SAID JAWORSKI IS RELUCTANT TO DO SO. JAWORSKI DOES NOT TRUST GOB FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS WHO DEAL WITH BRAZIL-POLAND RELATIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE "LEFTISS". VON ERLEA SAID JAWORSKI HAD ASKED HIM TO SOUND OUT U.S. OFFICIALS ON ASYLUM POSSIBILITIES. HE--VON ERLEA--WAS RELUCTANT TO GET INVOLVED IN SUCH A MATTER BUT WAS DOING SO BECAUSE HE CONSIDERED JAWORSKI A FRIEND AND AS A ROTARIAN HE HAD O HELP A FRIEND.

6. CONSUL GENERAL SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO SEEK GUIDANCE ON THIS QUESTION AND SAID HE WOULD TELEPHONE VON ERLEA AS SOON AS HE HAD A RESPONSE.

7. REQUEST IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO HANDLE THIS CASE.

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